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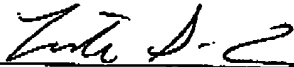
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| Applicant: Michael W. PANTOLIANO et al.   | Examiner: Shubo Zhou   |
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| Title: MICROPLATE THERMAL SHIFT<br>ASSAY APPARATUS FOR LIGAND<br>DEVELOPMENT AND MULTI-VARIABLE<br>PROTEIN CHEMISTRY OPTIMIZATION |                        |

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**Introduction**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 24, 2006, Applicant submits the following substitute section providing amendments to the specification with supplemental remarks for consideration. In the event any fees are required for the filing of this supplemental response, including in connection with any necessary extension of time (for which Applicant hereby petitions), please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 10-0750.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the response submitted January 23, 2006, as corrected by the substitute amendments to the specification, which begin on page 2, and as supplemented by the accompanying remarks, which begin on page 10.